

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1 1. (Currently Amended) A method of cleaning ~~and preparing~~ produce, the
2 method comprising:
3 transporting the produce on a conveyor;
4 rotating the produce substantially continuously during the transporting; and
5 applying steam directly to an outer surface of the produce on the conveyor.
- 1 2. (Currently Amended) A method in accordance with claim 1 wherein the
2 steam is applied at a pressure in a range of 20-100 psi.
- 1 3. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 1 further comprising
2 washing the produce on the conveyor.
- 1 4. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 3 wherein the washing is
2 done prior to applying steam.
- 1 5. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 4 wherein the steam is
2 applied at a pressure in a range of 20-90 psi.
- 1 6. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 3 wherein the washing is
2 done after applying steam.
- 1 7. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 6 wherein the steam is
2 applied at a pressure in a range of 20-100 psi.
- 1 8-13. (Canceled)